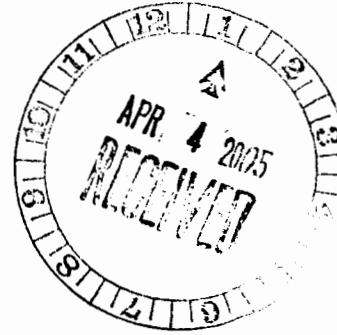


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Re: Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 247X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company
- Abandonment Exemption - In Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) hereby gives notice to the Board that as of the date of receipt of this letter by the Board, NSR consummates the abandonment of that segment of the line of railroad between Milepost old R-3.80 and Milepost old R-4.95, in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, NC that was a portion of the line that was the subject of this proceeding. NSR further states, however, that NSR is retaining that line segment for railroad purposes and reclassifying it as industrial lead track.

In a letter to the Board dated May 17, 2004, NSR advised that NSR and the City of Charlotte had reached an agreement for the interim trail use of the segment of the line between Milepost old R-3.00 and old R-3.80 that constituted the remainder of the line of railroad that was the subject of this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall

cc via e-mail: Mr. Ed Fishman, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Attorney for the City of Charlotte